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NEW HAMPSHIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM GETS FEDERAL FUNDING BOOST

NH Delegation secures \$3 million for J-ONE program

WASHINGTON—The New Hampshire Congressional Delegation has successfully secured \$3 million for an innovative, integrated information system which will link all components of the New Hampshire criminal justice system. The system is One Network Environment for Justice, known as J-ONE, and its mission is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of New Hampshire's criminal justice agencies, the judiciary and the corrections department through an integrated electronic data infrastructure that will facilitate the dissemination of information and provide individual case and statistical queries electronically.

The funding for this project was included in the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations bill that funds the U.S. Department of Justice, over which Senator Gregg has oversight jurisdiction in his role as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. This bill must now be considered by the full Senate, expected later this fall, and reconciled with the House version of the bill before final passage and heading to the President's desk.

NH Commissioner of Safety Richard Flynn commented, "Our Congressional Delegation's support of groundbreaking law enforcement technology as well as 'hands-on' public safety initiatives is to be applauded by all those who live in and visit NH as well as those who have taken an oath 'to serve and protect."

Senator Gregg stated, "New Hampshire is fortunate to have a strong law enforcement community that continues to lead the way in developing new methods for doing their jobs to the best ability possible and keeping our streets and communities safe. The development of the new J-ONE program is no different. This system will ensure that whether it be an officer on the street or a judge in a court room, the information they have is up-to-date and available, and will save valuable time and resources."

"The J-One system is a valuable resource for the state's law-enforcement community. A central database for statistics and records from the courts, state and local police, county jails and sheriffs, and the state departments of Corrections and Safety will help personnel save time and money as they fight to prevent crime, save lives, and protect our communities," said Senator John Sununu (R-NH).

Congressman Charles Bass stated, "As a strong supporter of the J-ONE, I applaud Senator Gregg for his successful efforts to include funding for the program in the Senate Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary appropriations bill. This system will save vast quantities of time and resources, while increasing the efficiency and quality control of criminal justice data and the flow of this information through the criminal justice system. Consequently, J-ONE will establish New Hampshire as a national leader in the field of criminal justice information sharing."

Congressman Jeb Bradley stated, "The implementation of the J-ONE program over the next 5 years will drastically improve New Hampshire law enforcement officials' ability to track criminal activity, persons, and cases. I was very pleased to see funding for the program included in the Senate's FY04 CJS bill."